

# MRS. HARTJE CALLED VICTIM OF A PLOT

Beautiful Defendant Being Sued for Divorce Expected to Unearth Conspiracy.

DIDN'T WRITE LETTERS.

Declared on Stand Missives Penned to Coachman Madine Were Forgeries.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PITTSBURGH, July 4.—Following the sensational revelations of yesterday in the Augustus Hartje divorce case, friends of the beautiful defendant believe to-day that she will have no difficulty in proving she is the victim of one of the most remarkable conspiracies of many years. They are not alone in this belief, for eminent lawyers—men wholly disinterested—declare the evidence so far tends to prove she is innocent of the many vicious charges made against her.

The testimony of Thomas Madine, formerly coachman in the family, whom Hartje charged had received ten letters from his wife, protesting her unending love and devotion, is of great value to the defense and will probably be the means of showing that these epistles were forgeries. He swore he had never received a letter from Mrs. Hartje, and when he was called upon to show samples of his handwriting his literary proved amazing. Mrs. Hartje preceded him on the stand and had previously said she had never written even as much as a note to the coachman. The pretty witness was called upon to identify the letters. She picked out seven of them and made a careful examination, after which she coolly announced that they had been written by her to Dr. J. M. Thorne, her family physician and husband of Hartje's sister. A couple were written to other members of the family, but none was a love missive.

A smile lit Mrs. Hartje's face when Madine testified that her husband had once offered him \$2,500 if he would shoot a man named Smith, whose identity has not been revealed.

**Offered Money to Madine.**  
"That man," the witness declared, "planned to kill him, and was trying to do me dirt ever since I was married. I'd give you \$2,500 if you will shoot him."

On another occasion he alleged Hartje said to him:  
"Tom, I'm in trouble and I want you to help me. I will give you \$5,000 if you will swear you saw Mrs. Hartje and Gross McConnell in the house alone."

"I told him I had seen Mr. McConnell in the house only once, and that was when he was there and Mrs. Hartje was upstairs."

The beautiful defendant was the first witness and for the first time since her ordeal began she exhibited excitement. This was when her attorney asked her if she had ever had any relations with Madine.

"I have not," she replied in a voice of deep emotion, and turning to where her husband sat, she pointed her finger at him and added: "Nor with any other man, and well does he know it."

Mr. Hartje seemed to almost disappear in his chair when the accusing denials of his wife were pointed at him.

Did Mr. Hartje or his brother, asked Mr. Ferguson, her counsel, "or any member of his family, ever make any accusations against your character up to the time you left Mr. Hartje?"

"No sir," was the emphatic reply. "Not a member of the family ever said a word to me about Mr. Hartje never spoke to me about having received an anonymous letter, and I never saw such a letter or heard of it until he testified to it here in court. Edward Hartje, his brother, begged me not to leave him. I told him I had suffered indignities and insults from Mr. Hartje as long as I could stand it, and I thought it was better to end it at once. I told him of something my husband had said to me in 1904. He said he knew his brother's facts as well as I, but he didn't want a separation and the consequent family trouble. He told me that if I left home, Mr. Hartje would take the children from me."

Rigid cross examination failed to shake Mrs. Hartje's testimony, and she left the stand with the good opinion of all in the court-room.

Mr. Hartje has sought to show that

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# FREAK WHISKERS FIT IN WITH FREAK FORCE



Curious Facial Foliage of Mr. Hartje, of Pittsburgh, Presents Interesting Background to a Case Full of Oddities.

Gentle reader, wouldst thou a man who wears a set of cross-barred whiskers like the foregoing? Well, don't. When a man begins to cut his side whiskers on the basis that they will let him work his own side of the street without any assistance on your part.

The drooping or sweeping-willow brand of facial foliage, sometimes called whiskers, is a financial, not a right, when hatched to the president of a city bank. They are as much a part of the official props as the haughty porter at the outer door and the little brass cage that they keep the paying teller in. But it isn't of record that the above-mentioned style of olive spinach was ever anything but a delusion and an aneur.

In this particular instance the whiskers touch on or appertain to Augustus Hartje, the Pittsburgh millionaire, who is qualifying for membership in the smarting set of his home town by suing his wife for divorce and alleging that she exchanged a series of half-tempered love missives, beauty hints and fore-aid remedies for the feet with her coachman. From this delusion it looks as if the lady would be able to prove an alibi, but in any event she is to be severely censured for not having sued first on the ground of cruel and inhuman side-whiskers or incompleteness of the jaw portieres or something like that. It is hard to see how any self-respecting woman could put up with such draperies for years, even in Pittsburgh.

The young and unsuspecting are also warned to beware of the love vines which hang in dense, pale yellow thickets from the south end of the human face. Dowie has that sort of whiskers, and it's an even break at present writing. Col. Mann has 'em, too, and they're draped up so tight that since the Hapgood trial, his paper hasn't been near the sensation publication that the War Cry. It. And so it goes. Brigham Young, old Mr. Bender of Kansas and Nebuchadnezzar were such whiskers. And just look how they've been talked about.

When he and his wife were in Europe he was expected to return to this side. The first letter in the exhibit yesterday purported to show that his wife had written a hasty note to Madine, who was in Ireland at that time visiting his home, telling him that they were to return on the Baltic, so that the coachman could also take that boat. Thomas Eagleson, a carpenter, of Nutley, N. J., who was a second-class passenger with Madine on the Baltic coming back, testified that he had met Madine several weeks before the return sailing. In company with a crowd that had gone to Europe when Madine went over, Madine and these people had arranged to return together on the Baltic, and that he had met Madine's wife at that time.

**Writing Not Alike.**  
When Madine was on the stand, John Marston, counsel for Hartje, had him write a number of words on a sheet of paper, after which he asked Madine if he more alleged to have been sent by him to Mrs. Hartje, and to sign his name. Madine's writing did not correspond with that in the note presented by the plaintiff, and Marston insisted that the handwriting was not that of the ordinary hand. Madine smiled at this and said that he was not a very good penman, but that he was the only one in the note somewhat resembling his, but declared that he never wrote it. The plaintiff then asked Madine to write the words "I am a man" on a piece of paper, and the young Irishman proved such a rapid writer that the plaintiff's attorney had to ask him to stop. Madine's handwriting was that of a man telling the truth, with no possible chance of being trapped.

**Can't Spell Divorce.**  
The answer created a sensation. Marston afterward announced that he had drawn the witness into making this statement, because exactly the same

words were used in one of the alleged Mrs. Hartje's letters.

When Marston secured the sample of Madine's writing in the court-room some amusement was created when he asked the young man to write the word "Divorce." Spell it, said Madine, spelling the end of a lead. Madine, at the sight of the word, began to weep, and he said that he was sorry to begin with. "I want you to spell it," replied Marston. "Write your own way."

"I don't know how to spell it," said Madine, and all the instances of the attorney failed to make him undertake the task of writing the word. The next word Marston wanted written was "Search," and this was spelled by Madine could not spell, but he finally made a stab at it.

"Now the way you would do when you are writing it in a letter," said Marston, in answer to Madine's declaration that he could not spell. Madine wouldn't write it, was the prompt reply. "I'd hunt another word that was easier to spell."

The word "Pittsburgh" Madine spelled "Pitshburg" and refused to correct it, on the ground that he was always spelled that way. His signature decidedly differed from that signed to a note written by him to Mrs. Hartje. Madine said that he did not write the letter, but that he had seen it, and that the writing somewhat resembled his writing.

**Mystery About Letters.**  
Mr. Hartje's attorneys still refuse to make known the names of the persons who are alleged to have written the letters. The letters will be given over to the jury to decide. The case will probably be decided in court at the divorce trial, while those employed by Mrs. Hartje, or rather, for her, are contending that the letters were written by George Q. Calder, one of the most prominent men at the bar and wholly disinterested, said yesterday.

"The letters show careful preparation. They are not the letters of a woman," said the attorney, and he said that the letters were written with a knowledge of the law, and that the handwriting was that of a man who had been educated in the law.

**AGED FINANCIER DEAD.**  
PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—After an illness of one week, Harry F. West, president of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, died yesterday at Atlantic City. Mr. West, who was seventy-two years of age, was well known in financial circles, and had served in the United States army during the civil war and was an active member of the Union League.

**SHIPPING NEWS.**

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Sun. Rise.	4:35	Sun. sets.	7:51
High Water.	5:55	Low Water.	11:47
High Tide.	5:55	Low Tide.	11:47
Bandy Hook.	5:55	Low Tide.	11:47
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**PORT OF NEW YORK.**

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**INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.**

DUE TO-DAY.	
Monterey	Vera Cruz
Philadelphia	San Juan
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**OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.**

SAILED TO-DAY.	
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I dropped in to inquire how the slaves in your community are getting on these days, and what is being done to support the efforts of the citizens murdered by the members of the labor trust.

These fatherless children number into several thousand now, and the trust adds quite a few each year, you know. "Don't let's talk about it," some one says.

Lately there has been a decrease in violence owing to public opinion, but the assaults and murders may be expected again when new strikes are inaugurated.

Of course it's easy to be a coward and shut the eyes, turn a deaf ear, and preserve a "discreet silence," so you won't get the lash and bloodgout of the trust on your own back or invite its "influence" to ruin your business or political chances.

Those are the threats the labor unions hold over the people, you know. But if you could be in the little barely furnished home of the workingman who left the wife and babies in the morning to try and earn a little to feed them, and the day after to-morrow the wife and the pleading children when the bruised and bleeding body of the father was brought in at night, the fruit of the "entertainment committee" of the labor trust, perhaps your inherent humanity might awake and give you a fair look at the appalling slavery all about us—slavery of American free-born whites.

Within a moderately short time upwards of twenty thousand of these have been brutally beaten, generally until unconscious, sometimes acid poured down the throat, eyes gouged out, fingers cut off (to prevent further work), bodies thrown into the water, thrust into red hot furnaces, pushed off buildings, and others pushed, while unconscious, on railway tracks for complete "finish" of the job. Scouting and clubbing of these poor victims is so common that frequently no mention is made in the papers, for the readers are so used to such items that they cease to have "news value." Is this indictment true? Don't ask the writer for authority, but simply turn to the daily record for the facts.

It seems that the struggle of our still living fellow-men against the slave brand of little ones, in the face of the danger to life and limb from the labor trust, excites a sort of lukewarm sympathy among the "better classes," but I am led to inquire how the American people can steel their hearts against the mute appeals of the little children of these murdered fathers, and the widows left to battle alone for their support. Why God permits such things, and how severe will be the punishment for our apathy, He alone knows.

Some readers of this, living in luxury, only know of the misery of their fellow human beings by an occasional cry that escapes, and they never have a close look at the little steel manacles cruelly locked on the hands of the common man and his wife and children. But you cannot and must not refuse to help with moral support, at least, your fellow man struggling for relief from the strangling grip of this rapidly growing creature, the tyrannous labor trust. Examine it carefully, head, body, legs and feet. In localities where it has full sway and complete control the workers must join the trust and pay fees each month to support the rulers, or they are not allowed to work and support their families. This starts the slavery. Then perhaps a fine of \$10 to \$100 is put upon the slave, for some poor fellow, who, in localities where it has full sway, is ordered to quit work or command. To quit trading at his grocery, meat shop or other store where he has credit. In many cases the grocer or butcher is "ordered" not to supply food to certain citizens. Other citizens are "ordered" not to trade with the "union label."

You mustn't read your newspaper, for it prints some truths not exactly favorable to the labor trust. You are ordered not to have your horse shod at your blacksmith's, for he uses nails made in an independent shop. You mustn't ride on the street cars, for the labor trust expects to break the windows and tip them over.

You are instructed not to have your printing done in any independent shop. Your public officers are threatened if they allow public printing to the lowest bidder if he happens to be under the bar of the "unions."

Some newspapers are so completely tied up by their union printers, stereotyped and premen that they dare not print facts and news not in sympathy with the "unions."

The common man who works to support his family and refuses to slave for the labor leaders is liable to be beaten unconscious and have his little home and family dynamited.

The public officer who endeavors to maintain peace and support the laws is threatened, and where the trust is strong enough the citizen is not allowed to paint his house, fix his water pipe, lay brick, mix mortar, dig in orchards, clerk in a store, play treble, wait on table, drive a team, deliver milk or work as machinist, blacksmith, moulder, carpenter, painter, typesetter, pressman, cigar-maker, paperhanger, or do any other form of work without permission of the labor trust and paying money to support its leaders.

Observe, I say, where the trust is strong enough, and the daily slavery to get "strong enough" in places where it is yet too weak to rule. It even has a hot-carriers' union and a "horse leaders' union" to federate with other slaves among the unionized doctors and grand opera singers. The punishment of refractory members or citizens who dare assert

their personal rights includes attacks on funeral processions, and at times the heart is overruled and the poor dead body of a loved mother or child thrown cruelly into the street and the sorrowing mourners viciously attacked and driven from the solemn rites conducted for their loved ones in the last and final farewell.

These are a few of the many indignities and tyrannies heaped upon the common American citizen in this present day slavery of the labor trust, slavery more wide-spread and irksome, with more assaults upon citizens, more oppression, more property destroyed, and more murders committed than during the period of negro slavery, which so aroused the human sympathy of a great people that in the settlement of the question millions of lives and hundreds of millions of property were sacrificed.

All that to free the African, while the latter-day slavery manacles the hands of the white free-born American.

Think of the conditions under which thousands of our citizens are forced, against their will, to pay money to join the unions, and to obey blindly the orders of the leaders to stop work when told, helpless to earn the little money needed by wife and children for food, clothing and fuel, helpless to maintain their manhood and self-respect, bowing and crushed until the suicides caused by despair have mounted up to an appalling list.

Why don't the people rise in their might and free themselves from this monster, some one inquires?

Let us look at the facts and see. Some years ago there arose a God-given inspiration for the wage earner to better his condition, and the sympathy of the whole people went out toward the movement. Organization to mass power seemed requisite and trade unions came into being. They must have leaders, improvements began to appear in better sanitary conditions, better homes and better wages. Then the leaders began to demand large salaries and finally to write "kraft" from the members and from employers. Then appeared the intoxication of power; the leaders found that his slightest word must be obeyed, and he ordered to enforce it he must rule by terror and absolute slavery methods. Money in great sums must be raised and the procedure seemed simple. Hire agitators and organizers on a commission basis. Send an organizer into any district even where workers were dissatisfied and discontented. Seek out the few who were wild talking individuals, easy to find in any community. Join them in a meeting, make some inflammatory speeches, tell them how they are abused, and that "labor creates all wealth and therefore must take it all." Urge them to make other workers dissatisfied and in a few days a nucleus is formed like a small snowball which only needs a little rolling to grow rapidly. Then mass these discontented and march to a factory and call on the workmen to drop their tools, join "the union" and go on strike.

Some steady heads demur and say they have good positions and good pay. Why? Such a man on his home, argue and "persuade" him to join the union and strike. Call him "scab" if he refuses, hoot and jeer at him, throw a few stones and get some boys to chase and harass him. Have a crowd call on his grocer and tell him he will be boycotted if he furnishes "that scab" any goods; the clothier, butcher and coal man. Notify his friends not to associate with him, instruct the children to chase him and terrorize them going and coming from school. Notify his employer that all other workmen will quit and boycott his goods if he don't discharge "that scab."

About that time this martyr begins to feel that it is a terrible price to pay for his standing up for the freedom of the Constitution and the right to independent action, and unless he be the one bravest man of a hundred brave men he will yield and bow his neck to the yoke of the labor trust, an absolute slave, crushed and helpless. From that time he is subject to "orders" be dare not disobey, while occasional fines of from \$10.00 to \$100.00 are assessed against him by "the union" to "punish" him for mentally fattening the pocket-books of the leaders.

Thousands and tens of thousands of high-grade American workmen are in that condition of helpless slavery to-day, and they curse, but bow.

Give them a chance and they would free themselves. But the skillful organization set up and ruled by the paid leaders is powerful enough to keep them properly "tamed."

Thus we see a movement started with high and noble purpose, drifted into the hands of designing men who, having discovered the volume of power put in their hands, use it for personal ends, talking loud about the "wrongness of labor," etc., while fattening the chains tighter and tighter on the arms of that labor.

They quickly discover the necessity of forcing all workmen to join the trust so the leaders can secure the monthly contributions and also govern them. So, to bring this about, we see the most aggravated forms of oppression and tyranny; daily pressure and annoyances are applied by one workman to the tenderest part of another's side, and the indignities of various kinds are numberless and variegated. Persistent and long continued harassing generally drives the independent man to pay the fees and join the union to relieve himself and family from the daily attacks. Then he often finds that he has jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

This labor trust is one of the most

serious menaces to our country and its people, for its leaders, seeking greater and greater control of the masses, are pushing toward a position where they hope to be able to name the members of State Legislatures and Congress and, carried far enough, it can easily be seen they would expect to elect trust members from President of the United States on down through all the offices. Such control would mean that the trust members take off the people who are not members of the unions, and from past experience, life would not be worth living nor could the common man hope to own and protect his little home in peace. This is no fancy picture, but the conditions are being pressed and fought for by the labor trust right here and now.

There are literally thousands of members of unions, who hourly bow abjectly to the acts of the anarchists and trouble breeders in the unions. But what can they do? I have seen some of the most earnest letters from such union men to newspapers appealing to the public to hear of their slavery, but when asked if they would all leave the unions, printed over their names, decline for fear of the certain punishment that would be put upon them by the trust leaders.

One sample will illustrate. Otto C. Heggen, of Des Moines, Ia., a naturalized citizen of Norwegian nationality, testifies in this connection:

"Why do I wish to no longer be a citizen of the United States? I am a Danish-born Englishman, with the usual manual training schools, education of apprentices and every other act of oppression that benefits the people but curbs the lawless license and stays the oppressive hand of that trust."

This and preceding newspaper announcements from my pen regarding the labor trust and suggesting remedies are paid for from the proceeds of the business of making Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts.

The labor trust (not our own workmen) has conducted a long and persistent war of boycott and impudent tyranny in an expressed determination to ruin that business.

We declined to withdraw our advertisement from papers when ordered to by the labor trust in their efforts to "break up" such papers. We refused to join these conspiracies and steadfastly maintained our right to be free American citizens and not slaves.

But hell hath no fury like that of the labor trust when its "orders" are not obeyed, and the depths of trickery, boycott, lying and all the black pools of labor union vengeance have been searched for means to ruin us, which might have been effective but for the magnificent rally to our support by the great American public, whose members will not, when they know it, tolerate such trust oppression and prefer to actively rebuke it by buying our products. These malicious acts of the labor trust roused us to the dangerous condition in which the people are placed by the labor unions, and we took up the campaign for freedom. It has been a public work in the interests of humanity, trying to rouse the people to act for their own protection.

The Postum Co. owns space in nearly every prominent paper in America, and has a right to use that space for its public announcements, of which this is naturally one.

Such papers naturally must publish paid-for advertisements under contract, no matter how the labor trust may object to having the facts made public.

This article you are now reading has been sent to practically every prominent paper in America with offer to pay our regular rates for its "yellow" journals, for they are open enemies of the citizens of any community who will not bow to the labor trust, and we cannot bring ourselves to pay money to support anarchy and murder breeders.

A few papers to whom it has been offered will refuse to run it. They fear the labor trust.

They publish free, day by day, articles flattering to that trust.

They willfully "kill" any news detrimental to the trust, smother the news of violence and lawlessness and lick the boots of the labor leaders, no matter how dirty they are or how much the public is inwardly hates himself for its prostitution.

Such papers are the most poisonous enemies of the common people.

They ponder to the organized few, the two million trust members, and the two cowardly to speak for the 78 million citizens because the latter are generally unorganized and do not have committees to "protect" the publisher. But it is high time for the people to take action regarding these cowardly and misleading papers. The citizens want all the facts spread before them, so they can reach an intelligent conclusion on these subjects, and the papers that suppress one set of facts and through fast and false statements only the prejudiced statements of that trust, should be known, and they can be known. Every reader of this article is urged to purchase one or more prominent morning papers of July 4th and afternoon papers of the day before. In smaller cities with no paper on the 4th buy the papers of the 3d. If any one of these papers does not contain this article, you can know it as one of the "smooth enemies" of the people. Suppose you write the publisher and ask him why he fears to allow the cause of the citizen to be presented in his columns and why he allies himself on the side of the trust and against the masses? Push them to go on record and then act your piece. If you do not excuse a paper is either for the interests of the people or it is under control of the labor or some other trust. Find out and this is a sure way.

Then let the advertisers ask the publisher of that paper why he fears to stand out frankly for the citizens and the good of the community. Why he panders to a trust seeking in every way to dominate business politics and the entire social machinery.

C. W. POST

Let any man become prominent in endeavoring to preserve the peace when labor trust riots are in progress and that man's business will be boycotted and he ruined if possible. All business is menaced. Every peace-loving, property-owning citizen must act or this growth toward anarchy and the destruction of property and personal liberty will grow until the burden cannot be moved and the trust magnates can force their will without limit.

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To boll this down—

Demand of your candidates that they represent, as Bishop McCabe says, the 100 per cent. of the people, not the 10 per cent. made up from some organization. The people can elect the free man sure if they let the facts be known.

Next, don't fail to go individually or in a body to demand of the newspaper that wants your patronage, that it print as much matter in the interests of the free citizens as it does of the "proceedings" and favorable comment on the labor trust. Then ask the advertisers in the papers afraid to publish this